	28 March 1951
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	Dear Mr. Ambassador:
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	We are trying very hard, as you know, to build up a creditable representation abroad and you will do me a great favor if you will give me a confidential estimate of the character and capabilities of successor as soon as he has been with you long enough to warrant an expression of opinion.
	Faithfully,
	14 Water B. Since
	Walter B. Smith

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